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Raging fire engulfs vast forest lands including Ch. Hill

Bandipur Safari stopped till Mar. 3

CM orders aerial survey using Army choppers

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-8 for Abracadabra titled **"J&K: When is the final solution? Revisit Simla Agreement and take the final call." —Ed.**

Bandipur, Feb. 25 (MTY&KS)- Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy this morning instructed officials to conduct an aerial survey on the loss of forest cover using army helicopters.

The CM also directed the officials to draw water from Nugu dam in Chamarajanagar district to douse the fire while ordering them to camp at the spot and use whatever means available to contain the fire.

The massive fire, which broke out in Bandipur Tiger Reserve last Thursday, a suspected act of sabotage by miscreants, continued to rage forcing authorities to stop the popular Bandipur forest safari till Mar. 3.

The decision to stop the safari was taken considering safety of tourists and unavailability of personnel and vehicles as they have been deployed to fight the forest fire. It is learnt that the temporary suspension of the safari may be extended if the fire is not extinguished by Mar.3.

FIRE ATOP CHAMUNDI HILL

While miscreants set off a forest fire in Bandipur, a fire also raged Chamundi Hill this noon.

(See also page 4 & 5)

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Mysuru, Monday 25th February 2019

Pinching and Pleasing

The *game* of democracy as played by successive governments of the world's largest in its category, purely judged by its headcount far in excess of any other country enjoying the privilege of adult franchise to elect people's representatives as members of Legislative bodies to frame policies and implement them through action by the Executive wing, seems to be characterised by the game's ground rule, namely pinch and please. One is prompted to cite the idiom *Rob Peter to Pay Paul* and modify the same as *'Unclothe Peter to Clothe Paul'* both of which have stood the test of time for centuries. English journalist, short-story writer, poet and novelist Joseph Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936) adapted the metaphor appropriately to read "Robbing *selected* Peter to pay for *collective* Paul." In the context of the present demographic scenario, granting many privileges to some well-marked sections in the population and restricted opportunities to some other sections, based on their faiths, castes, creeds and other angles, on the authority of the nation's Constitution, guessing which are these two sections is no big deal.

The priestly fraternity and scholarly speakers addressing their captive audiences recite on auspicious occasions the verse drawn from the Upanishads *Sarve janaah sukhino bhavanthu.* The intent, marked by magnanimity, seems to have made no discrimination between different sections of society until Sanskrit, the language of the verse, learnt by only one section of the then society did the damage of division on caste lines.

Having continued, unwittingly though, the divide and rule strategy of the colonial regime of nearly two centuries in the country and finally partitioning the sub-continent itself into two warring entities, successive governments post independence from the word go are disdainfully playing the game of *pleasing* two marked sections of the country's population and *pinching* certain other sections, also well-marked, many among whom are moving out to other parts of the world in search of greener pastures, despite being regarded as second class citizens of their second homelands.

While the contentious issue of ensuring opportunities for education and jobs to certain sections of the country's diaspora has its perceived historical developments and the clock cannot be put back, it is overdue to turn our attention to more important issues on the lines of the above quoted line from the Upanishad. Or else, the nation's people shall be identified as 1.3 billion individuals and not as one nation's citizens devoid of hatred towards one another.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Glaucoma is the second most common cause for blindness globally, accounting for almost 8% of blindness cases. It is rightly labelled as the "silent thief of sight" as in this condition the person experiences complete visual impairment with no apparent symptoms, often causing them to go undiagnosed until irreversible vision loss. There are various treatments to delay the loss of vision but there is no complete cure for this disease, making it one of the leading causes for blindness globally. In India, over 11.2 million people are diagnosed with glaucoma, yet only 10% of the population is aware of this dreaded disease.

— Dr. Chetana Nayak in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

ID card tattooed on forearm

Vietnam: A young man from Vietnam who used to forget his ID card when going out drinking with his friends and couldn't prove he was old enough to buy alcohol has reportedly got his ID card tattooed on his arm.

Photos of what looked like an ID card tattooed on someone's forearm went viral on Vietnamese social media. The person who posted it claimed that a friend of theirs had had it done after becoming exasperated with failing ID checks at nightclubs and couldn't prove he was old enough to drink. To make sure he never got kicked out of nightclubs again, he decided to have his ID card tattooed on his forearm.

People started sharing the photos on social media and they quickly went viral. Some people claimed that such tattoos were somewhat ridiculous, and others said that it was the ugliest, most stupid tattoo they had ever seen.

A man-made island built of conch shells

Anegada: Located just east of Anegada, the second largest of the British Virgin Islands, in the Caribbean, Conch Island, which isn't technically an island, but a mountain of conch shells discarded by fishermen in the same place over thousands of years is both a stunning tourist attraction and a testimony to the popularity of conch meat in this part of the world.

Local fishermen have been diving in the shallow waters in search of these, slow-moving, edible marine snails and many of them have been throwing their large shells in the same spot. The shell mountain that is Conch Island is a result of their perseverance.

Conch are harvested both for their meat, which is a staple of Caribbean cuisine, and for their stunning-looking shells, which are sold as keepsakes and jewelry. Apparently, while these millions of conch shells make a stunning sight from a distance, they aren't that pretty up close.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What is a natural remedy for high blood pressure?

Celery contains a compound called 3NB, which is very effective at lowering blood pressure. 3NB is found in greatest concentrations in the seeds of celery. Taking 75MG of celery seed extract twice daily for 6 weeks lowered systolic blood pressure by 8.2 points, with no toxic effects.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

St. Joseph's to host *Melange* Media Fest tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb. 25- The Department of Communication and Journalism, St. Joseph's College, Jayalakshmipuram, is organising a one-day State-level Media Fest, ***Melange '19*** on Feb. 26 at the college premises.

Theatre artiste and Film Director Shatamarshan S. Avinash will inaugurate the fest.

Melange '19 will see a host of competitions that have been organised in view of the present media trends. Hermes (Meme Creation), Thalia (Mad Ads), Democritus (Panel Discussion), Artemis (Live News Reporting), Athena (Quiz), Calliope (Indian Dance) and Iris (Photography) competitions have been organised for all under-graduate students.

More than 25 colleges from around the State are expected to take part in the fest. Apart from this, spot registrations are also allowed.

Senior academicians Dr. K.J. Joseph and R. Padmanabh, Correspondent and Secretary of MDES Rev. Fr. Vijayakumar will grace the occasion. For details, contact the Event Co-ordinator on Mob:99725-42599.

Re-elected as Syndicate Member of RGUHS

Mysuru, Feb.25 - In the recently held elections for the Syndicate of RGUHS (Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences) Bengaluru, from the existing Senate members of RGUHS, Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar has been elected unopposed as the Syndicate Member. Out of 42 Senate members, three Syndicate members were elected including Dr. Chandrashekar.

Dr. G.R. Chandrashekar

Presently, the Chairman and Founder of Cauvery Heart and Multispecialty Hospital, Mysuru, he is the first person to be elected to RGUHS Syndicate for the second term consecutively from Mysuru since its inception in1996.

Really...?

- ***Vampires suck your blood for Vitamin D because they can't go out in the sun themselves.***
- ***Bodies give off a tiny amount of light that's too weak for the eye to see.***
- ***The average person has 67 different species of bacteria in their belly button.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Q: How many politicians does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Two — one to change it and another one to change it back again !

Today's Currency Rate

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VOICE OF THE READER

Let not Govt. forget to pay
'proper' pension to war widows

Sir,

The martyrdom of CRPF Jawans is a sacrifice that nothing in kind or cash can equal. The death of the child of Karnataka, H. Guru from Mandya, in the barbaric massacre has stunned the society.

The proclamation of compensation to the grieving family appears like a joke. The Government must adopt the families of martyrs and see that they live gracefully. The children and the war widows face unimaginable challenges without their bread-winner.

While we chant the slogan, *Jai Jawan Jai Kisan,* why don't we think of waiving off the loans (if any) of the martyred soldier's family on the lines of farmers' cases. A great amount of trouble the retired soldiers face to get back their homes or lands from the clutches of goons who would have usurped their property when the Jawans were away fighting at the borders. It is a shame that our ruling system simply does not care to help the martyrs' family in getting the land. The case of war widows is much worse.

The following case published in *The Times of India* (Nov. 22, 2018) will reveal how callous and irresponsible the authorities can be towards the precious sacrifices of our Jawans:

971 war widow to rec
ues after 46 years
ndip Dighe | TNN | Nov 22, 2018, 06:44 IST
mant at her residence in Kothrud(L), Photograph of Chitra Sam

Suresh Gajanan Samant was a Vir Chakra Awardee in the 1971 Indo-Pak war. His wife (I can't address her as a widow because soldiers never really die) was receiving a paltry amount as pension due to a miss calculation ! In reality, she was entitled for a much larger amount along with "Gallantry Allowance." **All because of the casual and irresponsible officers in the Government.** It took 46 years, for a chance discovery, by a sincere official (there are some even today), who was working at the Sainik Welfare Office, to apprise Chitra Samant Gajanan that she should appeal for the rectification of the colossal blunder on the part of the Government.

The noble lady said, "I never paid any attention to my pension as I was under the impression that whatever pension was disbursed by the Government was correct...I had full faith in the Government."

She was honoured by the then President of India V.V. Giri *(see picture)*. The substance of the story is may be there are many more war widows who have not got justice. But will they be lucky to get one more conscientious officer to bring justice !!

— Prof. K.V. Satyan
V.V. Mohalla
20.2.2019

NOTE: *As for goons grabbing lands of serving soldiers, I must mention what late Lt. Gen. Nanda had written to me. He said because he was engaged in getting his property back in Kodagu, he was not able to accept post-retirement job offered by the Government of India. —KBG*

DDRC: Applications invited for various posts

Mysuru, Feb. 25- District Disabled Rehabilitation Centre (DDRC) has invited applications for recruitment of various posts vacant in the Centre.

BE engineering graduates specialised in Prosthetics and Orthotic education (P&O) with two- to- five years experience can apply for the post of artificial limb adjustment engineer; Diploma or ITI (P&O) holder with two years experience can apply for the post of Prosthetist; Certificate Course in (O&M) can apply for movement trainer post and Certificate Course in Ear Mould Technology holder can apply for Ear Mould Technician post.

Interested may apply with self-written application forms attached with Xerox copies of their marks card, certificates and other credentials before Mar. 11 by 5 pm to the Member Secretary of Indian Red Cross Society at the office of DDRC in Tilaknagar, Mysuru. For details contact Ph: 0821- 2490222, according to a press release.

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Feb.25- The University of Mysore (UoM) has awarded Ph.D in Microbiology to **Manasa Ravindra Walmiki** for her thesis 'Evaluation of Essential Oils against Foodborne Bacteria' submitted under the guidance of Dr. V. Ravishankar Rai.

B.R. Jayanna has been awarded Ph.D in History by the UoM for his thesis 'Chamaraja-nagara Pradeshada Veerashaiva Matagalu - Ondu Samskrithika Adhyayana' [Guide: Dr. N. Saraswathi].

K.M. Kavyashree has been awarded Ph.D in Management by UoM for her thesis 'Impact of Information and Communication Technology on Consumer Buying Decision- making Process among Generation Cohorts' [Guide: Dr. Manasa Nagabhushanam].

K.H. Mahadevaswamy has been awarded Ph.D in Linguistic Science by UoM for his thesis 'Hasalara Kannada: Bhashika Adhyayana (Chikkamagalur Jilleyannu Anulakshisi)' [Guide: Dr. M. Balakumar].

The University of Tumkur has awarded Ph.D in Commerce to **Puttaswamy** for his thesis "Income Tax Reforms in India - A Study Based on Perceptions of Income Tax Assessees and Authorities" [Guide: Prof. P. Paramashivaiah].

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Bags Gold Medal

Bilna

Mysuru, Feb.25- Bilna K. Vincent, a student of Master of Tourism Administration (MTA) at Mahajana Post Graduate Centre, Metagalli, has bagged Skyway International Travels Gold Medal for securing highest marks in MTA exam (2018) of University of Mysore.

Dr. Vasundhara to Singapore

Mysuru, Feb.25-Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy is proceeding to Singapore on Feb.26 to conduct workshop in Vasundhara Bani and participate as chief guest for Arangetram of Jothsana Ramakrishna on Mar.2 and 3.

She will present a rare solo choreography based on Kumaravyasa Bharata "Kshatra Draupadi" on an invitation from Kannada Koota and Sadhana Performing Arts Centre, INC Singapore.

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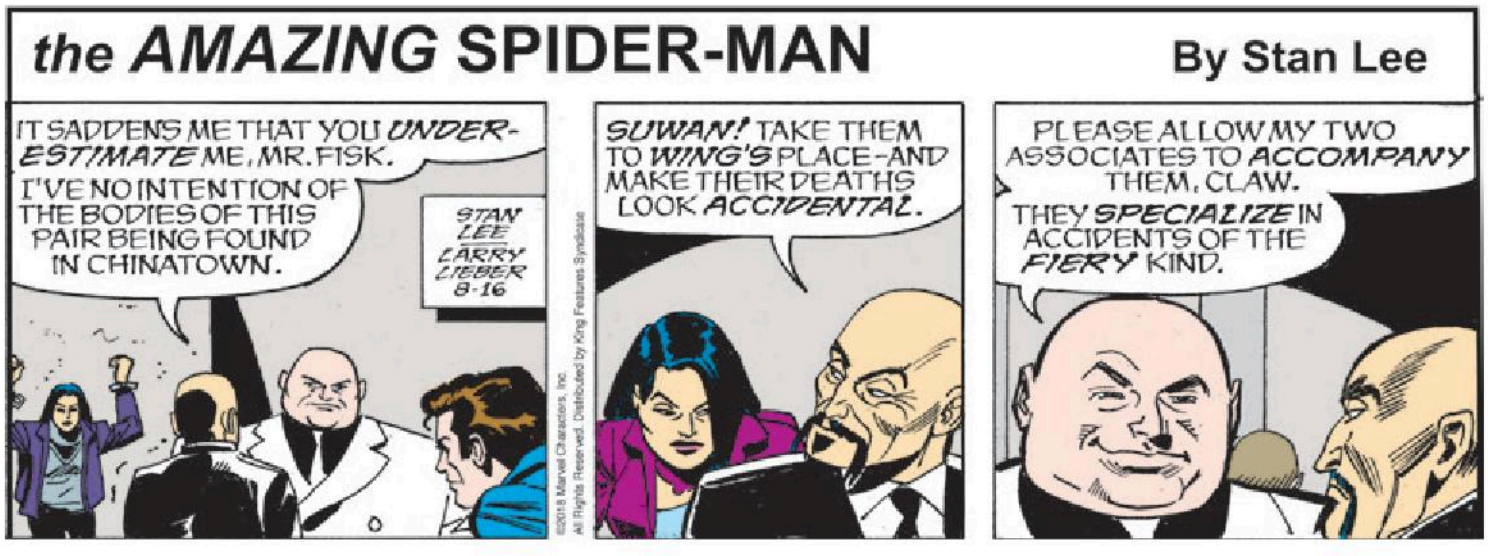
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NEWS BRIEFS

Mass marriage for Veerashaivas

Mysuru mattu Chamarajanagar Zilla Veerashaiva Matadhipathigala Goshti has organised mass marriage for Veerashaiva community bride and bridegrooms on Mar.24 at Madahalli Ukkinakanthe Mutt in Hunsur taluk. Interested bride and bridegroom may register their names before Mar.9 with prescribed application forms available at the Office of the Matadhipathigala Goshti, Dr. Shvirathri Rajendra Circle, Mysuru or Ukkinakanthe Mutt at Hunsur taluk or at any nearest Veerashaiva Mutts in their locality. For details, contact Mob: 94487-38895 or 93807-64629, according to a press release from the Matadhipathigala Goshti.

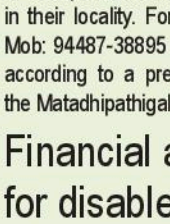
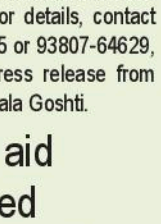
Financial aid for disabled

Nanjangud City Municipal Council is providing financial aid to people taking care of the physically challenged in Council limits. The disabled people needing the aid should submit all details with supporting documents before 5.30 pm on Mar.5 to the Council office. For details, visit www.nanjanaguducity.mrc.gov.in, according to a press release from the Council

Power disruption tomorrow

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted in the areas coming under Hadinaru, Thumbunerale and Hoskote Gram Panchayat limits tomorrow (Feb.26) from 9 am to 4 pm, according to a press release from the CSEC.

Elected to Women's Co-op. Society

Bruhadamba and Bhageerathi

Dr. M.V. Bruhadamba has been elected as the President and B.T. Bhageerathi as the Vice-President of the city's Mysuru District Women's Co-operative Society, for the next five years. The two were elected unopposed in the election held last month, according to Returning Officer K.S. Harish Kumar.

Elected President

Jaya Gowda has been elected as the President of Basava Balagagala Okkoota for the year 2019, at a meeting held at Suttur Mutt, foot of Chamundi Hill, in the presence of Seers recently.

Fire atop Chamundi Hill

Mysuru, Feb.25 (SBD&KS)- Many fire mishaps were reported in city yesterday with a part of Chamundi Hill catching fire this noon.

Fire was spotted on Chamundi Hill near Uttanahalli junction on Mysuru-Nanjangud road which began to spread due to dry leaves.

Soon, fire tenders from Saraswathipuram rushed to the spot and began to douse the fire.

Students and passersby volunteered on their own and after taking instructions from the Fire officials, they began to help the Fire personnel in dousing the fire.

The process of extinguishing the fire was still going on when we went to the Press.

Yesterday, fire was reported at the Railway unit on Manandavadi Road causing losses.

It is learnt that miscreants' lit fire to piles of wastes such as discarded rubber, old shoes, oil wastes etc. resulting in fire destroying materials and also spreading to surrounding places causing panic among the residents.

District Forest Officer K.P. Gururaj and Station Officers Shivaswamy, Nagaraj Urs and Assistant Station Officer Panditaradhya and staff, who rushed to the spot along with six fire tenders, managed to douse the fire in a six-hour-long operation.

Meanwhile, fire was also reported at Kiralu village in the taluk resulting in the fire destroying about four acre of sugarcane crops, three acre of banana plantation was destroyed in Maratikyathanahalli in Mysuru taluk and hay stacks at Hullahalli and Nerale villages in Nanjangud.

Fire was also reported at Hunsur, K.R. Nagar, Periyapatna, H.D. Kote, T. Narasipur and surrounding places which has destroyed vast forest lands.

Two killed in serial accident

Mysuru, Feb.25 (SPN&DM)- Two persons were killed in a serial accident involving three vehicles near Vajamangala gate on Bannur Road in the taluk on Sunday evening. The deceased have been identified as Thimmaiah (65), a specially abled elderly man and Asgar Pasha (40).

Thimmaiah was a flower seller at Agrahara Circle in city while Asgar Pasha was a goods auto driver.

Thimmaiah was riding his retrofitted two-wheeler from Bannur towards Mysuru on Mysuru-Bannur Road and Asgar Pasha was driving a vegetable goods auto closely behind Thimmaiah's vehicle, when a speeding car coming from behind, knocked down both the vehicles at about 5.30 pm.

Due to the impact of the collision, all the three vehicles toppled and as a result, Thimmaiah died on the spot following serious injuries, while the goods auto driver Asgar Pasha, died sometime after he was shifted to a city hospital, it is learnt.

Also, the car driver and two of the three persons travelling in the car too are said to have sustained injuries in the mishap.

All the occupants of the car are said to have fled from the spot fearing assault by local residents.

Mysuru South Police have registered a case in this regard.

City Police arrest conman from Ahmedabad for cheating medical seat aspirant

Mysuru, Feb.25 (YDS&KS)- Vijayanagar Police have arrested a conman in Ahmedabad for allegedly cheating person in city to the tune of lakhs of rupees by promising to get a seat for his son at a Medical College.

The arrested is 46-year-old Mahesh Kumar Patel of Ahmedabad, who has now been remanded to Judicial custody.

Details: One Vipul Pandey, a resident of Railway Layout in Vijayanagar here, was searching online for a Medical College to get his son admitted to MBBS course, during which he came to know about Mahesh Kumar Patel.

Patel told Pandey that he was running Perfect Career company and he would get his (Pandey) son a MBBS seat at Kasturba Medical College in Manipal and had got lakhs of rupees transferred to his account from Pandey but did not get a seat, thus cheating the latter.

Realising that he was cheated, Pandey had lodged a complaint at Vijayanagar Police Station in this regard.

Vijayanagar Police, who took up the investigation, arrested Patel in Ahmedabad on Friday and brought him to city where he was produced before a Court which remanded him to Judicial custody.

Obituary

Ramachandra Urs

Mysuru, Feb.25- Ramachandra Urs (67), retired Vijaya Bank employee and Hon. President of Grameena Employees Welfare Association, passed away yesterday.

A resident of Ramakrishnanagar I-Block here, he leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Parvathamma

Parvathamma (90), a resident of Kuvempunagar, passed away yesterday.

She leaves behind four sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill last evening.

Ramesh

Ramesh (57), Railway Protection Force ASI, passed away on Saturday.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Tippur in K.R. Nagar taluk.

Bandipur-ashed

The remains of the forest land in Bandipur today. Most of the trees, plants and grass were reduced to ashes in the fire which has destroyed thousands of hectares of forest land.

Miscreants used a pile of elephant dung to ignite fire

Yesterday, some volunteers, who were engaged in dousing fires in Gopalaswamy Hill forest range, found that miscreants had set dry elephant dung on fire and immediately doused it, thus averting fire from spreading to other parts. Miscreants had heaped up dry elephant dung and set fire to it.

Miscreants are known for setting dried elephant dung on fire, which starts burning slowly and gradually spreads to the forest. As there was too much of wind yesterday, fire personnel, forest staff and volunteers were finding it difficult to control the spread the fire.

Forest Minister inspects spot

Forest Minister Satish Jarkiholi seen with the volunteers and forest staff.

Mysuru, Feb.25 (KS&MTY)- Forest Minister Satish Jarkiholi yesterday visited the fire ravaged Bandipur and took stock of the situation.

Speaking after visiting the fire spots along with forest officials, the Minister said that about 2,500 hectares of forest has been destroyed by the fire and added that the first priority was to control the fire and later ascertain the extent of damage caused by it.

"It appears to be an act of sabotage and one person has been taken into custody for interrogation," he said and opined that there is a need to adopt modern technology to douse forest fires in future.

Strong winds hamper fire dousing operation

Thousands of acres of forest land have been destroyed in the blaze and has also spread to the core area, endangering the lives of many wildlife species, including other flora and fauna.

The wildfire intensified due to strong winds and as a result, fire extinguishing operations by foresters, firemen, volunteers and villagers took a beating as they continue to bring the fire under control. Strong winds and dry grass have aided the fire to spread towards other parts of the forest.

Gopalaswamy Hill

Due to strong winds, the fire which had spread to Gopalaswamy Hill, coming under Bandipur Forest Range has destroyed nearly 75 percent of forest and despite efforts to control it, the fire spreading towards Maddur Forest range.

300 volunteers: Nearly 300 volunteers from Mysuru, Bengaluru, people from the surrounding villages and many Scouts and Guides cadets are helping the Forest Department staff in dousing the fire.

According to an official, nearly 100 volunteers had reported yesterday and were helping the staff, who are working nonstop day and night to contain the fire. The cadets were not only seen dousing small fires, but were also supplying food and water in department vehicles to forest personnel at various points inside the forest.

Braving heat caused by fires, the forest staff, armed with automated water sprayers strapped on their backs, the forest staff and fire fighting personnel are toiling day and night to stop the spread of fire. Six fire tenders were pressed into service at Bandipur and Gopalaswamy Hill yesterday night.

At Nagarahole

Fire was also reported near Veeranahosalli at Nagarahole Reserve Forest yesterday afternoon, said to be allegedly lit by miscreants.

The fire, which spread quickly due to high velocity wind, was spreading towards Kerala side. Forest Department staff of both the States have been alerted to take steps to prevent fire from spreading further.

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Leadership Lessons FOR DAILY LIVING

By Dr. R. Balasubramaniam

Lessons from auto driver Arumugam...

To Our Readers

Leadership is traditionally seen as a specialised ability that only a few are endowed with, generally people in position of power or authority. While this could be intuitively easy to understand, leadership in the real world operates differently.

In this series of fortnightly articles titled **'Leadership Lessons for Daily Living'** authored by Dr. R. Balasubramaniam — the founder of SVYM and leadership trainer who teaches leadership courses at Cornell University, USA and IIT-Delhi, India — he will touch upon extraordinary leadership skills of seemingly ordinary people based on real life anecdotes. **— Ed**

Now read on...

Last November, my wife Bindu and I had been to Mayiladuthurai, a buzzing, crowded town on the banks of the river Cauvery in Tamil Nadu to attend a wedding. Getting off the train that is reputed to be late most of the times, we took an auto to get to a Hotel that was not too far away. Though I was startled at the high fare quoted by the auto driver, we decided to take it as the price one pays to have a quick shower and rid oneself of the tiredness of an overnight journey in a 'not-so-clean' Railway compartment.

As we drove along, I picked up a conversation with the elderly auto driver. The small talk revolved around the weather, the upcoming Diwali festival and we slowly graduated to my question of the fare being on the higher side. What inspired me was his honest answer. He mentioned that it was not every day that he is able to charge more than the normal fare, nor does he have a need to do so. With Diwali being round the corner, he felt that he needed the extra money to give himself and his wife a good Diwali.

He told me about his life's journey and how he had begun to start driving an auto more than forty years ago. Not having a good education meant that this was the only vocation that he could start off on. He had two sons and he had made sure that they got a good education. Both of them were engineers and were employed in well-paying jobs in Delhi and Chennai.

While he was proud of them, he had not let their monetary support stop him from earning his livelihood. He was quietly putting away all the money that they sent him to be left behind for their use after his passing. He was afraid that if he retired, it would mean an emotional and a physical death and was determined to continue to drive his auto, earn his livelihood and be financially independent.

His only regret in life was in not fathering a daughter. In his own simple way, he described how his wife was not just a wonderful home-maker, a great mother, a loving wife but continued to be an extraordinary daughter to her parents even after so many years of marriage. And he felt that he would miss that kind of selfless love that he had hoped to receive from a daughter.

While his life may not sound different from that of several others, he let me know that most auto drivers in the city earned as much as he did. But very few of them had moved up the social or economic ladder. His simple explanation was that one's skills may enable one to earn money, but it was one's habits that ensured what you did with the money.

He counted himself fortunate that his upbringing and

his wife's influence ensured that he invested the money he earned on his children's education, while most of his fellow rickshaw drivers spent it on tobacco and alcohol. While his own happiness grew, he felt that his friends only built their indebtedness and misery.

Living a disciplined and determined life was his recipe for success. This by itself is neither a novel or paradigm shifting message. What made Arumugam (that was his name) different was the quiet sense of inner peace and contentment that he displayed as he went about narrating his life's journey. There was neither a sense of arrogant attainment nor a sense of inadequacy in his demeanour or words. All that was there was a sense of equanimity that many of us keep aspiring for.

The message of simplicity, transparency, discipline, self-esteem, pride, determined optimism, respect (for his wife) and concern (for friends & colleagues) was something that he had so well packaged for me in this 10-minute conversation. Something that I felt no classroom-based University education could ever give me.

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'Open door Trade Policy is good for India' Says Malaysia Business Council Head

Mysuru, Feb.25 (SPN&NNN)- China is conducting free trade with all South East Asian Countries and similarly if India opens its door bigger then it has a huge opportunity to improve trade with ASEAN countries, said ASEAN-India Business Council (AIBC), Malaysia, Chairman Ramesh Kodammal.

He was addressing a press conference organised by the Mysuru Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) on D.Devaraja Urs Road here yesterday and said that most of the countries in the world have followed an open door trade policy and have been successful in tackling unemployment problems and maintaining trade balance. Similarly India can also use this opportunity to develop business interest with ASEAN countries and improve its GDP (Gross Domestic Product), he added.

ASEAN-India Business Council (AIBC), Malaysia, Chairman Ramesh Kodammal seen with other members at the Mysuru Chamber of Commerce and Industry on D. Devaraja Urs Road here yesterday.

Federation of Karnataka Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI), Bengaluru, is organising a three-day ASEAN Chambers Business Meet from Feb.25 to 27 in Bengaluru and in this meet representatives from Malaysia, Indonesia, Laos, Philippines, Cambodia and Vietnam are participating, he said.

It is a good development that Karnataka Government is inviting investors from these countries and said that China has developed good relations with ASEAN Business Council. India has also expressed its confidence to develop good trade relations with these countries, said Kodammal.

When the media persons drew the attention of Kodammal to the current strained political relations between India and Pakistan, he said that every day throughout the world there will be lot of political developments occurring. And sometimes it might escalate into political posturing. Hence, as an industrialist I look at such developments with a neutral mind without taking sides of any nation, he said.

When compared to earlier period India has an open door trade policy. As a result there is lot of industrial activity. Now there is very good road connectivity between ASEAN countries and it has become easy to conduct trade activity. How India will welcome this is something that needs to be seen in the coming days, he said.

Asked which State in the country has created a good investment climate, he said that he would not go into the details of which State has a better investment-friendly climate or industry-friendly State. It all depends on the particular State's investment and industrial policy, is all that can be said, he said.

MCCI President A.S. Satish, FKCCI member Shreeshaila Ramannanavar and others were present on the occasion.

Cleanliness lessons to Mysureans from foreign woman

Israeli Citizen Daariya picks up plastic waste every Sunday in Kukkarahalli Lake

Israeli Citizen Daariya (2nd from left) seen with the local youths at Kukkarahalli Lake in city.

Mysuru, Feb.25- Everyone talks about how Kukkarahalli Lake that comes under University of Mysore (UoM), is stinking due to flow of sewage water and how plastic is strewn all around the lake in spite of the efforts of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to keep the place clean, especially with Swachh Bharat campaign at its peak.

It is also the place used by health conscious citizens of the city to go for early morning or late evening walks and also jogging. But what we see is that hardly anyone does anything concrete to put in their bit to keep the Lake and its surroundings clean and instead continue to blame the authorities for all the shortcomings.

However, there is one person, that too a foreigner, who believes in action than in words.

Daariya

This young woman was found yesterday morning picking up plastic waste, bottles, paper cups and filling them into a plastic bag in front of the UGC-Human Resource Development Centre (Earlier Academic Staff College).

The conscientiousness citizens seeing her in action were seen ignoring her without as much as a backward glance. Finally, a JSS Women's College student and two other youth asked her, "Can we assist you?"

By then the woman who had tears in her eyes asked, "How could anyone have the heart to spoil such a beautiful place? Don't help me, please join hands with me to save the Lake."

She gave a few plastic bags to the youth and continued with her work. Within a few minutes, four to five bags full of waste was collected. "Let us dispose it in a suitable place," she said and walked off with a bag filled with waste. The youths carried the remaining bags.

The name of the foreigner is **Daariya.** She is an Israeli citizen and has come here to learn yoga. She is living in Gokulam since the past four months and every Sunday she does this service to our city.

'Mera Parivar BJP Parivar' campaign launched at NR

Mysuru, Feb.25- With the Lok Sabha Polls fast approaching, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha launched the BJP's campaign slogan 'Mera Parivar BJP Parivar' in NR Assembly segment, by tying the party flags at some houses in NR Mohalla this morning. As a head-start to the LS Poll campaign, the BJP has set a target of tying the party flags at least 5,000 houses in NR Assembly segment alone in the coming days.

NR BJP President S. Murali, leaders Dr. Anil Thomas, N.V. Phanish, H.G. Giridhar, Narasimahamurthy, Manju Gowda and others were present.

SKYWATCH

Heavenly visitor 'IWAMOTO' at its best this month

The most beautiful celestial object perceptible in the night sky is the 'Comet.' Most of the time, Comets remain in deep-frozen "sleep" in outer space, but occasionally they are dislodged from their orbits and fall forward the inner Solar System.

Comets are at their brightest when they are closest to the Sun, it is best to search for them in the sky directly after sunset although never when the Sun is still above the horizon. In the months of February and March 2019, fix your stares on the sky to watch the spasmodic comet 'Iwamoto.' Throughout February and first two weeks of March, it will be visible in the Northern Hemisphere.

A Japanese astronomer Masayuki Iwamoto discovered as new Comet in 2018 wherein the Comet is designated as C/2018 YQ1 Iwamoto. Very recently this comet had a close encounter with Earth where it maintained a distance of 28 million miles. Also, this Comet is travelling at an unassailable speed of 147,948 miles per hour relative to earth.

Presently, 'Iwamoto' can be seen near Cancer or Gemini constellations at a Magnitude 7 and has been getting brighter and larger since January 2019. Although it was low in December 2018, it moved rapidly and can be located very high in the evening sky. The Comet 'Iwamoto' is undoubtedly an evening Comet and is clearly visible from even small telescopes from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm, provided the night sky is absolutely clear.

Professional observatories rarely have time to devote to scanning the skies in search of new objects; so amateur astronomers by using simple equipment often discover comets.

Presently the Comet could be seen in South-Eastern sky. Since Comet 'Iwamoto' is generally referred to as an 'Evening Comet,' it is usually seen at around 7 pm. Even with the help of small telescopes and binoculars, the Comet is noticeable. Presently, this Comet is visible from all parts of India. The various astronomical devices used to witness this particular Comet are Celstron Nexstar11 telescope, Meade F3.3 focal reducer, and Stellacam II video camera.

The evening sky is quite clear from moon light and is the advisable time to see this Comet by revealing the pulchritude and elegance of sky-watching.

During the first two weeks of March also, Comet will be clearly visible. The reflecting telescope with 6-inch reflector will do to witness this Comet. So enjoy watching 'Iwamoto' and reveal the magnificence of Astronomy.

—Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna
Amateur Astronomer

Forests have become picnic spots for modern day youths

Mysuru, Feb.25 (YDS&DM)- Mysuru Sub-Divisional Forest officer A.S. Manju has expressed disappointment over forests becoming picnic and entertainment spots for youths of present generation. He was speaking after inaugurating the street play 'Kadgichu' (forest fires), jointly organised by the Department of Forest, Mysuru region and Bannerghatta Environment and Wildlife Protection Committee, at Maharani's College premises yesterday.

Pointing out that people of yesteryears used to treat forests as God, Manju maintained that forests were very much of human life and human beings cannot live in the absence of trees around.

Expressing concern over rapid decline of forest cover, he said that forest fires have been wreaking havoc on the life of man and other creatures.

He called for conducting widespread awareness campaigns on prevention of forest fires.

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Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

J&K: When is the final solution?

Revisit Simla Agreement and take the final call

It was Napoleon Bonaparte who famously declared that in his dictionary there was no word called 'impossible.' Today, for we Indians too, it is imperative to forget the existence of the word 'impossible' in our lexicon in relation to the **problems** arising out of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).

I was born before independence. I was told that India was divided to provide a separate country to Muslims following their demand, accompanied with violence, under the leadership of Mohammed Ali Jinnah. Hindus and Minorities like Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains and Parsis thought this would bring peace to our country, the truncated India. Sadly, No.

Reason: The then Maharaja of J&K, **Maharaja Hari Singh,** failed or delayed in taking a firm decision in exercising his right under the **Partition Plan.** His right to either join Indian Union or Pakistan by executing the Accession Treaty. This gave an opportunity to Pakistan to launch a military attack in the pseudo name of **'tribal attack'** and occupy a part of Jammu and Kashmir now known as Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK)

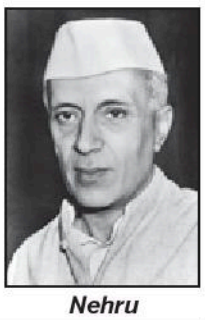
When the 'tribal attack' began and was seen marching towards Srinagar, Raja Hari Singh panicked and sought the help of the Indian Union to throw the Pakistani forces out of Kashmir. While the Indian Army was being sent to the war-front, the Indian Government got the Maharaja to sign the **Accession Treaty** in order to legitimise sending the armed forces to fight the Pakistani Army.

Under the then Lt. General K.S Thimayya, Indian forces were successfully pushing the Pak forces back. But, unfortunately, our Prime Minister Nehru took the advice of his friend and the First Governor-General of Independent India Lord Mountbatten and went to the United Nations (UN) with a **complaint.** Apparently, UN had no experience in dealing with such situations.

To India's bad luck, the whole of Europe, England and America were wanting to **pacify and please the Muslim world** which was angry over the division of Arab-Palestine and creation of Israel, a Jewish country.

Map sourced

Anyway, for now it is best to integrate J&K with India by removing the two obstructionist Articles in the Constitution — 370 & 35A. India does not need either Pakistan's or Hurriyat's permission for this.



Nehru

As a result, the UN without proper discussion and application of mind asked the warring Pakistan and India to **ceasefire** immediately, simultaneously converting India's **complaint** into a **dispute** (territorial dispute) ignoring the Treaty of Accession signed by the Maharaja with the Indian Government. Both the countries, like frightened school boys obeying their headmaster, declared ceasefire.

In the meanwhile, Pandit Nehru, wanting to become the world messiah of peace, got hold of some newly-independent countries from Colonialism and propounded the policy of 'Non-Alignment.' In his exuberance, he also made an unsolicited promise to the people of J&K to hold a **plebiscite** to ascertain the wishes of the people — to either join India or Pakistan. **This is one of the historical blunders any sovereign country could make to its disgruntled section of the people.** To use Mahatma Gandhi's phrase said in some other context, this was a Himalayan blunder.

Nehru and his colleagues in the Government should have known that the UN did not have a role in the partition of British-India as it had with British-mandatory Palestine. **The UN role was, therefore, limited to that of a peace-maker, not an arbiter.** Sadly, India allowed the UN to convert India's **complaint** into a **dispute** and we are carrying this as a painful albatross around our neck for the last 70 years.

India must remember that when the British Government published **a plan for the partition** of the Indian sub-continent on June 3, 1947, Pakistan was established on the basis of the idea that its **Muslim population constituted a distinct nation, whose rights could be guaranteed only in a Muslim State.** However, when it came to what remained as India after partition, the rights of majority Hindus were forgotten. It became a **secular nation** that guaranteed the rights of its religious minorities like Sikhs, Jains, Buddhists, Parsis and also millions of Muslims who chose to stay back in India. **As a result Muslims got two 'homelands' — one Pakistan and another India.**

According to a panellist in a TV discussion, many Muslims who were fighting for Pakistan along with Jinnah surprisingly chose to stay back when the partition took place. This was a paradox.

Be that as it may, Nehru was just 58-years-old without experience as a head of a huge democratic country that India was. However, his persona was a combination of an idealist, philosopher and a visionary. **History records that at a meeting with US President Harry S. Truman in Oct. 1949, exactly two years after the 'tribal attack' from Pakistan in Kashmir, Prime Minister Nehru frankly told the American President that determining the fate of Kashmir "on a religious basis" would lead to destabilising India because that "would have a deeply unsettling effect upon the Muslims living in India."**

This clearly shows that Nehru recognised that if Kashmir was excluded from India simply because it had a Muslim majority, then **Indian Muslims** all over India would think if Kashmir Muslims doubt the secular character of India, why not they?

Unfortunately for India, the UN did not direct Pakistan to withdraw its 'tribal' raiders and vacate POK as Lord Mountbatten had hoped. **Incidentally, Nehru agreed for a plebiscite not in the truncated Kashmir but only when Pakistan vacates the POK. But Pakistan never withdrew from POK and naturally now to ask for the 70-year-old plebiscite promise is irrelevant and ridiculous.** If Kashmir is excluded from India, as Nehru told Truman "on a religious basis," then it would be difficult for India to remain Constitutionally a Secular State in its present form. India might prefer a **Qualified-Secularism** instead to protect other minorities.

We have to realise that following **Simla Agreement** the **'anti-multilateralist clause'** in it has effectively kept the UN out of any post-war diplomacy. The clause is as follows: "The two countries are resolved to settle their differences by peaceful means through **bilateral** negotiations or by any other **peaceful** means, mutually agreed upon between them."

The **Simla Agreement** gave India right to reject any Pakistani move to bring in any other multi-lateral forum in the matter of J&K, including the UN. It was the Simla Agreement which transformed the previous **ceasefire line** into a more permanent **Line of Control (LoC).** Thus India no longer recognised the authority of UN to monitor the **ceasefire line** under 1949 Karachi Agreement.

In the circumstances and the changed geo-political situation, **the Pulwama terrorist attack on Feb. 14, 2019** should be considered the provocation and the proverbial last straw that broke the camel's back. **Decisively challenge the constant terrorist attacks and also Pakistan Army firing across the LoC in violation of Simla Agreement.** India's tolerance, except for meek retaliation and occasional surgical strikes of late, are no deterrence to Pak plan of inflicting a 1000-cuts on India till its mission is accomplished.

Therefore, if India fails to settle J&K issue this time or in the next five years, then we will have to wait for an Indian *avatar* of Vladimir Putin for the resolution of J&K issue. I remember, former Congress Prime Minister outside the dynasty, **P.V. Narasimha Rao,** saying, 'The day Pakistan vacates POK, J&K problem is solved.' **Anyway, for now it is best to integrate J&K with India by removing the two obstructionist Articles in the Constitution — 370 & 35A. India does not need either Pakistan's or Hurriyat's permission for this.**

"Let us never negotiate out of fear. But let us never fear to negotiate," said John F. Kennedy. Therefore, let not India fear the "Islamic Bomb" of Pakistan and fear to negotiate. Negotiate fearlessly, despite the abortive planned talks between NSA of two countries by ISI of Pakistan in 2015. And then take the **final** call.

Jai Hind

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TEASER By N. Prakash

MP, MLA inspect water distribution remodelling projects

Mysuru, Feb.25 (RK&NNN)- MP Pratap Simha and MLA L. Nagendra, along with officials of Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Drainage Board (KUWS&DB), inspected various development works under the Remodelling of Water Distribution Network and 24X7 Water Supply at Yadavagiri where ground and high level water tanks are being constructed.

They found that 80 percent of the work is completed and urged the authorities to complete the remaining work within the time limit prescribed.

Then they visited the Vijayanagar Water Tank and inspected the ground-level water tank along with area BJP Corporator Subbaiah and were satisfied with the quality of work.

The project has been taken up under the Central AMRUT (Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation) scheme.

PM to address 1 crore BJP workers on Feb. 28

New Delhi, Feb.25- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will interact with over 1 crore Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) workers and volunteers from 15,000 locations across the country on Feb. 28 in what the party claimed would be the "world's largest video conference."

"On Feb. 28, PM Modi will interact with over 1 crore BJP karyakartas, volunteers & well wishers, spread across 15,000 locations, in what would be world's largest video conference," BJP President Amit Shah said in a tweet on Sunday.

People can send their questions to the Prime Minister for the interaction titled 'Mera Booth Sabse Mazboot' through NaMO app.

With the interaction, PM Modi is aiming at mobilising support from the general public and galvanising the party workers into action for the upcoming Lok Sabha election.

Udyoga Mela to end today

Mysuru, Feb. 25 (PM&DM)- The second and the final day of the two-day Udyoga Mela (Job fair) organised by the Department of Skill Development in association with the district administration, saw over a thousand job seekers throng the Maharaja's College Grounds till noon today.

The valedictory is scheduled to take place later in the day.

Speaking to *SOM* this morning, Skill Development Department Joint Director N.S. Shivanna said that the Department was more focused on serious job-seekers from different educational background.

Pointing out that the Department was trying its best to provide jobs to all job seekers, he said that the Mela had received tremendous response with nearly 90 companies from various sectors taking part.

He further said that the companies were issuing offer letters to several job seekers at the spot, for existing vacancies.

BSNL contract employees seek regular wages

Mysuru, Feb.25 (PM&US)- Over 50 contract employees of BSNL, under the aegis of CITU, staged a protest in front of the office of the General Manager, BSNL in Jayalakshmipuram here this morning seeking fulfilment of their various demands.

The contract employees alleged that their salaries were not paid for the last six months.

They sought regular payment of wages with social security benefits like PF and ESI.

CITU District Committee President Balaji, General Secretary G. Jayaram, Secretary Jagadish and others were present.

New bus service launched from City Bus Stand to new Law Courts

Mysuru, Feb.25 (PM&US)- KSRTC City Services Division has launched two buses from City Bus Stand to the new Court in Jayanagar passing through the Old Court in Chamarajapuram.

Principal District and Sessions Judge S.K. Vontigodi launched the buses at a function held at the Old Court premises this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Vontigodi said that the new buses would be very beneficial for lawyers, clients and the public.

KSRTC Divisional Controller (City Service) M.N. Satish Kumar said that the bus service would be augmented suitably depending on the demand.

Routes: No.80 LC: City Bus Stand - VV Market - Old Court-New Court - Vivekananda Circle.

No.94 LC: City Bus Stand - Ramaswamy Circle - Old Court - New Court - Gnanaganga School - Kuvempunagar Complex - Vivekananda Circle.

Departure Timings: City Bus Stand: 10.05, 10.35, 10.40, 10.45, 11.05, 11.25 hrs.

Vivekananda Circle: 12.20, 13.35, 14.20, 14.30, 15.00, 15.40, 17.30, 17.45 hrs.

The fare in route 80 LC is Rs.8 to the New Court while it is Rs.10 in route 94 LC, Rs. 5 between the two Courts.

KSRTC Divisional Traffic Officer Marigowda, Bar Association President S. Anand Kumar, Secretary Shivanna and others were present.

Vaastu-Feng Shui & Bio-energetics

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Empowering symbols

Symbolism in Feng Shui is often perceived as a placebo effect, however in reality each of the Feng Shui symbols have deeper meaning and represent the aspiration, element and inspire the occupants of the building to move towards their goal.

Many wonder how a Feng Shui symbol helps in correcting a Feng Shui affliction or to overcome defect in a space, the fact is creating the harmony through balancing the right Feng Shui element is the key.

Let's say through Feng Shui analysis it is found that a space lacks fire energy, the simplest and easiest remedy a practitioner would adapt is to recommend a decor in red colour or candles or activating bright lights, however the positioning of the cure, its size, placement within the room would need to be analysed. In other words, activating the specific element when needed or deactivating an element which would be overpowering is the art of balancing the space and Feng Shui symbolism aids in ensuring that the equilibrium of the energy is restored.

The fact is that symbolic level of Feng Shui works because of the energy-specific symbols placed, as well as because of their connection with the subconscious level of your mind. The stronger your connection with these symbols, the more you like them, the more powerful they become for you.

However, prior to placing of cures or carrying out Feng Shui corrections, it is preferred that the space is cleansed, freed of negative energies, clutter and obstacles to ensure that the Feng Shui symbolism works at its peak.

There are many general Feng Shui symbolisms which are popular like wind chimes, water fountains, aquariums, three legged toads, etc. However, few symbols are case specific to activate aspirations. Symbolisms like wealth vase, horses and elephants are sometimes recommended based on the need. For example, Elephants are often used in Feng Shui to energise certain areas of the home and for activating descendant luck and good luck.

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• To protect the home, a pair of elephants facing outwards is recommended and it is also said to prevent the loss of Chi from the home.

• Place a pair of elephants in the bedroom to promote love, descendant luck and fertility. Ensure that the trunks are down and not lifted up for this aspiration.

• Symbol of the Elephant and the Rhino, especially if they are blue in colour, will ensure you do not have people with bad intentions or burglars coming to steal wealth from you.

• Figurine of elephant with her baby aids in creating a good bondage between mother and child and placing them towards west sector of the living would be beneficial.

• Placing an elephant near the door or the North sector of the living supports career growth, wisdom and power.

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Street plays sensitise people on preventing forest fires

Mysuru, Feb.25 (SR)- Highlighting the importance of the forest, Deputy Conservator of Forest (DCF) Mysuru Region Manjunath said that life would not be possible without trees and forest.

He was speaking after inaugurating a street play focussed on creating awareness about forest fires organised jointly by the Department of Forest, Mysuru region, Bannerghatta Environment and Wildlife Protection Committee at Maharani's College for Women in city recently.

"Our ancestors were worshipping forest like temples long ago, but nowadays, forest turned up as pleasure-hub for people to enjoy, while some people are still eking out a living in forest by collecting firewood, consuming tubers and other forest minor produces, he added.

Apart from capturing and storing atmospheric carbon, forests also perform a host of other services like a source of medicines, foods and fibre, protecting watershed, repository of terrestrial biological diversity, and provide fuel, employment and income to poor people.

In her speech, Managing Director of the Environment and Wildlife Protection Committee Nalini M. Gowda said that human involvement was one of the major causes for forest fires.

The Committee has been making all efforts to spread awareness among people about prevention of forest fires, protection of flora and fauna by staging street plays, she added.

The Committee members performed street plays at Chamundi Hill, Lalithadripura, Chikkagadiyara Circle and other parts of the city.

Chamundi Urban Forestry Range Forest Officer Govindaraj, Vinutha, Forest Guards Virupaksha, Jagadeesha and others led the street play at Chamundi Hill and Lalithadripura.

Forest officials Mallesh, Swamy, Gagan, Environmentalist Mysuru Ramesh led the street play at Maharani's College and Chikkagadiyara Circle.

Industry employees present skit on workplace safety

Mysuru, Feb.25 (MTY&SR)- Various factory employees demonstrated skits to sensitise factory workers on hazards caused in industries and various industrial safety measures to be taken at the programme organised by Department of Factories and Boilers, Industrial Safety and Health at Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) premises on JLB Road in city recently.

The Department had organised this programme with main intention to educate the employees on taking safety measures as part of reducing the hazards at their working places.

Over half a dozen of teams, representing various factories across Mysuru and its surroundings, performed skits on the occasion. Each team comprised six to seven members.

They sensitised the audience on various safety issues including compensation, payments, medical expenses and legal services given by the factory management and safety measures, investigation conducted by the Department of Factories after the tragedy.

Through the skit programme, they also created awareness on how to use the equipment, machines and tools properly, wearing safety equipment (PPE), how to prevent slips and trips, keeping work areas and emergency exits clear, measures to be taken to avert fire accidents, wearing helmets and glouses.

They also sensitised the employees to avoid using mobile phones at working places, switching the power off while repairing the damaged machines, using safety equipment such as insulated tools, rubber gloves etc., whenever required.

They also highlighted the employees on the measures to handle industrial machinery, large amounts of mechanical equipment, devices that operate under high voltage, radiation and hazardous materials.

They also focused on wearing personal protective equipment to protect a person's eyes, face, ears, head, respiratory system, and other parts their body.

Deputy Director of Factories and Boilers H.S. Narendrababu, Assistant Director Suresh, Nanjangud Industries Association Vice-President Chandrashekhar and others were present during the programme.

Annual Athletic Sports Day 2018-19 held

Mysuru, Feb.25- Teresian Degree College and Post Graduate Centre celebrated Annual Athletic Sports Day at Teresian College Sports Ground recently.

The Sports Meet started off with the hoisting of the College Sports Flag by chief guest Dr. Premula Raman, Associate Professor and former HoD of Sociology, Teresian College, Mysuru.

The programme was inaugurated by C. Navyashree, National-level Athlete, Department of Forest, Karnataka.

Rev. Dr. Sr. Sajitha Director, Teresian Institution, Mysuru, presided the programme. Dr. Sudha Rao Alike, Associate Professor, Department of Physics and Sports Committee Member, Teresian College, Mysuru, Dr. R.A. Vasantha, HoD of Chemistry, Prof. Anni Mathew, Department of Physics and in-Charge Principal, Teresian College, Anthony Moses, PE Director, Teresian College, were the guests of honour.

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National-level athlete C. Navyashree (Forest Department), who was felicitated during the Annual Athletic Sports Day at Teresian College recently, is seen with (standing from left) Dr. R.A. Vasantha, HoD of Chemistry, Rev. Dr. Sr. Sajitha, Director, Teresian Institution, Premula Raman, Associate Professor, former HoD of Sociology, Teresian College, Mysuru, Prof. Anni Mathew, Department of Physics and in-Charge Principal, Teresian College and Anthony Moses, PE Director, Teresian College. Picture right shows National volleyball player R.R. Arpitha (II B.Com) carrying the Sports Torch to mark the inauguration of Sports Day along with (from left) Neela (II BA), National Kabaddi player Boomika and National basketball player Baby (II BA).

RESULTS

Degree Category

100 mts: 1. Mary Cecila, II BA; **2.** Architha Mayola, III B.Sc; **3.** J. Anusha, I BBA.

200 mts 1. Poonam Kumari, III B.Com; **2.** J. Anusha, I BBA; **3.** K. Vidyashree, I BBA.

1500 mts Walking Race: 1. Harshitha Tejaswini, III B.Sc; **2.** Treesa Thomas, I B.Com; **3.** H.S. Monisha, I B.Com.

4X100 mts Relay: 1. R. Nayana, Mary Terasa Joyce, Koushalya and Mary Cicila, III BA; **2.** Poonam Kumari, Pooja Kumari, Lima Rose and A. Mariya, III B.Com; **3.** Christilda, Lavanya, Elizabath and Rajeswary, II B.Com.

Shot-Put: 1. Princy Infant Mary, III B.Sc; **2.** M. Ramya, I B.Sc; **3.** A. Maria Juliet, II BBA.

Discuss-Throw: Princy Infant Mary, III B.Sc; **2.** H.M. Asha, II B.Com; **3.** Mary Cicila, III BA.

Long-Jump: 1. Poonam Kumari, III B.Com; **2.** Emily Shilu, III BBA; **3.** C.S. Supriya, III B.Com.

High-Jump: 1. M. Christilda, II B.Com; **2.** Emily Shilu, III BBA; **3.** Syedha Munaza, III B.Com.

Overall Team Championship of the Annual Athletic Sports Meet (2018-19) was bagged by B.Com students with 28 points followed by B.Sc students with 21 points.

Non-Sports Event

Australian Trolley Race: 1. S. Priyanka, C.S. Supriya, N. Soubhagya and H.M. Soujanya, III B.Com; **2.** Nagma Kousar, Syeda Umme Hani, Nagaveni and V. Diksha, III B.Com; **3.** M.R. Nithya, Prakruthi, Smitha and N. Pooja, I B.Com.

Lemon & Spoon: 1. H.M. Inchara, II B.Com; **2.** C.S. Supriya, III B.Com, **3.** Anusha, III B.Sc.

Gunny Bag Race: 1. C.S. Supriya, III B.Com; **2.** B.A. Namratha, I B.Sc; **3.** Pooja Kumari, III B.Com.

Best March-Past Group Rolling Trophy was won by Department of Commerce with 30 points followed by Department of B.Sc with 26 points.

Post-Graduates Category

Women's Section

100 mts: 1. M. Saneeha, II M.Com; **2.** C. Meghana, I M.Com; **3.** S. Amrutha Bhai, I M.Com.

200 mts: 1. M. Harshitha Cheekunni, I M.Sc; **2.** M. Saneeha, II M.Com; **3.** Amala Jayashila, I M.Com.

1500 mts Walking Race: 1. A.R. Kalpashree, II M. Com; **2.** Pauline Ramya Jonhason, I M.Com; **3.** C. Meghana, I M.Com.

Shot-Put: 1. S.L. Tejaswini, II M.Com; **2.** D. Chandana, II M.Com; **3.** Leena D'souza, I M.Com.

Long-Jump: 1. M. Saneeha, II M.Com; **2.** S. Amrutha Bhat, I M.Com; **3.** C. Meghana, I M.Com.

Discuss-Throw: 1. D. Chandana, II M.Com; **2.** Leena D'souza, I M.Com; **3.** Roopa Basavaraju, I M.Com.

Non-Sports Event

Lemon and Spoon Race: 1. Simran Sandra, I M.Com; **2.** K. Shilpa, I M.Com; **3.** K. Kalpashree, I M.Com.

Men's Section

100 mts: 1. T.B. Nandish, II M.Com; **2.** Bharath Kumar; **3.** R. Abhishek.

200 mts: 1. S.N. Ashoka, II M.Com; **2.** T.B. Nandish, II M.Com; **3.** Bharath Kumar, I M.Sc.

400 mts. 1. T.B. Nandish, II M.Com; **2.** R. Abhiseka, I M.Com; **3.** Bharath Kumar, I M.Sc.

Shot-Put: 1. Sachin, II M.Sc; **2.** Prathap, II M.Sc; **3.** K.A. Gowtham, II M.Com.

Long-Jump, 1. S.N. Ashoka, II M.Com; **2.** T.B. Nadish, I M.Com; **3.** Bharath Kumar, I M.Sc.

Discuss-Throw: 1. Sachin, II M.Sc; **2.** H.U. Prathap, II M.Sc; **3.** Shashank, I M.Sc.

High-Jump: 1. T.B. Nandish, II M.Com; **2.** S.N. Ashoka, II M.Com; **3.** Bharath Kumar, I M.Sc.

NCC Cadets hone the skill of Archery

Mysuru, Feb.25- The Cadets of 4 Karnataka Air Squadron, who are the students of SBRR Mahajana First Grade College and St. Philomena's Degree College, participated in an exclusive archery camp held for the Air wing Cadets by the Tiger Adventure Foundation, Mysuru at Seervi Samaj Trust Grounds, Mysuru, recently.

Inaugurating the camp, A.J. Sreevalli, Deputy Labour Commissioner and Faculty, Administrative Training Institute, Mysuru, who is also an alumni of the 4 Karnataka Air Squadron, appreciated the new initiative and said new avenues will enhance the visions of the Cadets.

Archery was prevailing in the epic period but now it has become a demanding sport, or skill, were-in the Cadets used bow and arrow to shoot on the target.

The initiative is reckoned to be first of its kind in history of this region, says Flying Officer Dr. P.G. Pushparani of Mahajana FGC, Mysuru.

Pankaj Mallick and G. Lohith trained the Cadets in the archery camp and they were ably supported by N. Sharath and Swaroop of Tiger Adventure Foundation.

Sharing his experience, DSD Solanki, Founder and Chairman of Tiger Adventure Foundation, said: "though we have conducted several programmes for the people of the State, this is the first time we are having NCC Cadets been exposed to such a skill."

MDFA 'C' Division Football League

Facile win for Dynamics FC

Mysuru, Feb.25- A brace by left-out Hruthik (25th & 40th), and a goal by Akash (55th) helped Dynamics FC to register a facile 3-0 win over Panthers FC in the MDFA 'C' Division Football League for the Chirag Trophy played at the University Grounds here yesterday.

The knock-out stage of the Tourney will begin from Feb.26 with Lucky XI FC from Group A, Shivaji FC from Group B, Nethaji FC from Group C, Metro FC from Group D and Dynamics FC from Group E topping their respective Group and having entered the knock-out stage of the Tourney.

The winner and runner-up will be promoted to the 'B' Division.

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PM-KISAN scheme: Submit applications to avail benefit

Mysuru, Feb.25- The Joint Director of Agriculture has in a press release requested all small and marginal farmers of the district, who owns below two hectares of land, to submit their applications in the prescribed form to receive the first instalment of Rs. 2,000 under PM Kisan scheme.

The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme announced recently by the Centre will deposit Rs.6,000 in three instalments to the account of all marginal and small farmers holding less than two hectares of land.

The first instalment of Rs.2,000 was released by PM Narendra Modi on Feb.24 at Gorakhpur in UP to the bank accounts of over one crore registered farmers from 14 States including UP and Karnataka.

Another one crore farmers will be covered in the next two to three days.

A list of eligible farmers will be displayed in respective Gram Panchayat Offices to receive the benefit. Farmers must give self-declaration of their land, name, address, Aadhaar number, bank account number and other details in a prescribed application form number-C available at all Bapuji Seva Kendras, Atalji Jana Snehi Kendras or the nearest Raitha Samparka Kendras to receive the benefits under the PM-Kisan scheme.

Seminar on Nalwadi's life and achievements held

Mysuru, Feb.25 (RK&US)- A two-day seminar on the life and achievements of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar was organised by the Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage at the Dasara Exhibition Grounds here recently. Inaugurating the programme, District Minister G.T. Devegowda suggested the officials of the Heritage Department to come out with a documentary on Nalwadi to project the good deeds and plans of the Maharaja to the future generation.

He recalled that Nalwadi's contribution to economic development of city banking sector, education field, irrigation and many more cannot be quantified.

Speaking as the chief guest, Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh, striking a comparison to Nalwadi, ridiculed that today's politicians conspire and battle to topple a Government while the Maharaja struggled to develop the city with a lot of social concern.

The book *'Chamarajanagara Zilleya Ithihasa Mattu Purathatva,'* brought out by the Department, was released on the occasion.

Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage Commissioner T. Venkatesh, Director Dr. R. Gopal, Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, Deputy Mayor Shafi Ahmed, P.V. Nanjaraja Urs and others were present. Over 60 Researchers presented papers.

Government mulls opening of 11,000 public schools in State

Puttaranga Shetty

Gundlupet, Feb.25 (SOMG)- The State Government proposes to open 11,000 public schools in the State, said Chamarajanagar District in-charge and Backward Classes Welfare Minister C. Puttaranga Shetty.

He was speaking after distributing cycles to school children and inaugurating a laboratory at Hangala village in the taluk, at a function organised by the Department of Public Instruction and said that there must be a change in education system and to strengthen this, it is important to have classes from first standard to twelfth standard in one place.

The Government, which is moving in this direction, is planning to open 11,000 public schools and it will be implemented soon. Thus quality education will be provided even at rural level, he said. There are already 48 Community Halls in the district and the Government will provide grants to build more of them, he added.

MP R. Dhruvanarayan, who was the chief guest on the occasion, said that just like the education provided in Kendriya Vidyalaya Schools in the district, there must be a concerted effort to establish such schools in all the places. For this, teachers with better qualifications must be appointed. Focus will be on implementing such programmes at the earliest, he added.

If public schools are opened at hobli levels in all the taluks, then it will benefit both the parents and the students as they will not have to change schools frequently and this will also prevent them from going to private schools. Besides, they will also get quality education, he said.

MLA C.S. Niranjan, who presided, said that Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy was giving a lot of importance to education, which was a healthy development as this will result in improvement of quality of education. There is water problem in the taluk and steps are being taken to solve the drinking water crises at the earliest, he added.

Taluk Panchayat President Jagadish Murthy, Member H.N. Natesh, Municipal Council President P. Girish, former CADA Chairman H.S. Nanjappa, former MP A. Siddaraju, Veerashaiva Mahasabha District President Kodasoge Shivabasappa, Block Education Officer (BEO) Dr. Halathi Somashekar, Head Master P. Ravikumar and others were present.

Nutrition Carnival at Gangothri on Mar.1

Mysuru, Feb.25- To facilitate understanding of "Anaemia Mukht Bharat" and to create awareness about healthy lifestyle along with good nutrition, the Department of Studies in Food Science & Nutrition, University of Mysore (UoM), has organised an 'Open Day' for the benefit of public and University staff and students on Mar.1 from 10 am to 5.30 pm at the Department premises in Manasagangothri.

The Nutrition Carnival activities include: Analysis of Body composition and Blood parameters (Hb, Glucose); Demonstration & Detection of Food Adulteration, Display of Healthy food choices, games, videos etc.

There is no registration to attend the event, according to a press release from Dr. Asna Urooj, Chairperson, Department of Studies in Food Science and Nutrition.

Short-term training at CIST, UoM

Mysuru, Feb.25- The Centre for Information Science & Technology (CIST), University of Mysore (UoM), Manasagangothri, is offering the following short-term training programmes from March 1:

2D Animations, 3D Studio Max, Action script, Video Editing, Computers and Operating System, Web Designing, Image Editing, Designing with CorelDRAW, Desktop publishing (DTP), Educational Information Technology, Internet Awareness, Office Automation, Oracle, Bio Informatics and Gio-informatics.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2419360 or 2415389.

'Use Govt. facilities to start own enterprises'

MLA's advise to young entrepreneurs to become job providers

Nagendra

Mysuru, Feb.25 (PM&NNN)- The young entrepreneurs must use the facilities being offered by the Government to start their own enterprises and become employment providers, said MLA L. Nagendra.

He was speaking after inaugurating the two-day Entrepreneurship Development Programme on 'Textile Policy 2018-19,' organised jointly by Zilla Panchayat, Handloom and Textiles Department, Karnataka Small Scale Industries Association (KASSIA) and Mysuru District SC, ST, BC Entrepreneurs Association, at the Rotary Auditorium on JLB Road here recently.

The Centre and State Governments are giving a lot of facilities to encourage young entrepreneurs to start industries and also organising training sessions. They should make use of this opportunity and start their own companies, which will help in solving unemployment problem in the country, he said.

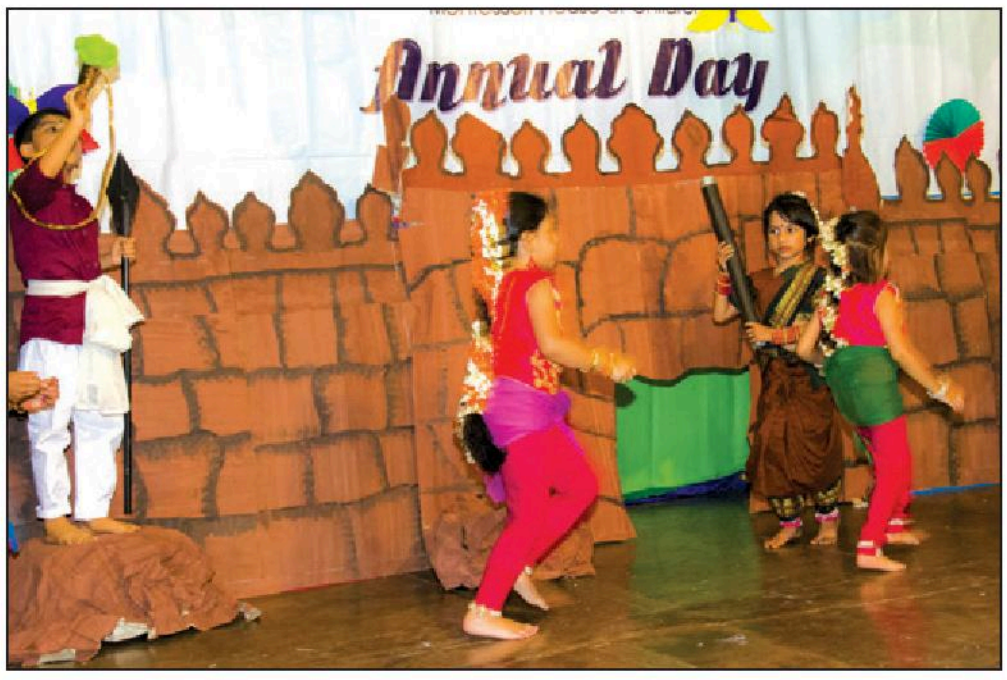
"The labour force plays a very important role in the development of the country. Hence, both the Centre and State Governments have a huge role in protecting their interests. There should be a healthy relationship between the factory owners and labourers. This will help in fulfilling demands of both. Otherwise, the industries will come to a standstill and the owners will suffers losses and the labour force will be forced to be on streets. One should see that such a situation does not arise," he said.

The farmers provide food to the nation and the labour force works for the development of the economy. The developed countries are using technology in both agriculture and industry. But in a developing country like ours it is better to give more importance to human resources than to machines, he said.

Nearly 50 people from different parts of the district participated in the Entrepreneurship Development Programme. The entrepreneurs also visited industries.

Karnataka State Finance Corporation Deputy General Manager B.E. Gopal Byri, District Industries Centre (DIC) - Mysuru Joint Director D.K. Lingaraju, District Lead Bank General Manager Venkatachalapathy, Mysuru District SC, ST, BC Entrepreneurs Association President R. Manjunath and others were present during the event.

Annual Day celebrations at City Schools



BLOOMING BUDS: ***The 12th Annual Day celebrations of Blooming Buds Montessori House of Children, K.D. Road, V.V. Mohalla, was celebrated at Ganabharathi in Kuvempunagar recently. Kavita Ratna, Director, Advocacy, CWC, was the chief guest.***

OUR LITTLE WONDERZ: The 4th Annual Day celebration of Our Little Wonderz was held at Kalamandira recently. K.S. Mukundhan, Senior Councillor and Mrs. & Mr Anil Kumar Sharma were the guests of honour.

SANSKRITHI PLAY SCHOOL, NAZARBAD: ***The Annual Day of the Play School was celebrated recently. The tiny tots presented a colourful cultural programmes on the occasion. Corporator Chayadevi inaugurated the event.***

LITTLE ELLY PRESCHOOL, GOKULAM CENTRE: ***The 3rd Annual Day and Graduation Day celebrations of the Centre was held recently at Alwar Kala Bhavan in Gokulam 3rd Stage. All children participated with great joy. Vittal Bhandary, Founder and MD of Learning Edge India Pvt. Ltd., was the chief guest. Graduation Ceremony was held for the outgoing UKG children.***

NSS volunteers excel in State-level Camp

Mysuru, Feb.25- NSS volunteers of JSSPW participated in the State-level NSS Camp organised by DTE at Kagatti village Chintamani taluk, Kolar district. Nearly 150 volunteers, representing 70 different Polytechnics, had participated in National Social Service Camp with immense dedication.

Volunteers of JSSPW were honoured and awarded for selfless social service.

M. Sneha of E&C Department was honoured with the Best Volunteer Award.

Best anchor for cultural programme was given to R. Jyothi of CSE Department. S. Ramya of CSE Department was positioned as the Vice-Captain.

Volunteers Somyashree, Indhu, M.P. Chaitra, Yashaswini, Shruthi and Sushma worked hard to create awareness about cleanliness, against child labour and use of technology among the resident of Kagatti village by organising skits, folk dance and music.

All volunteers were awarded 'The Best Group' for this dedication and service at the camp held from Feb.4 to 10 under the guidance of N. Shekar, Principal, JSSPW, Mysuru.

WORD OF THE DAY

Minion

Pronunciation: MIN-yun
Meaning: A servile dependent, follower or underling.

Origin: Minion comes to us from Middle French and has a somewhat surprising cousin in English: filet mignon. The two words are connected by way of Middle French mignon, meaning "darling." Minion entered English around 1500 directly from Middle French, whereas filet mignon arrived significantly later by way of a modern French phrase meaning "dainty fillet." The earliest uses of minion referred to someone who was a particular favorite, or darling, of a sovereign or other important personage. Over time, however, the word developed a more derogatory sense referring to a person who is servile and unimportant.
Example: The senior executive has a small platoon of minions to run both personal and business errands for him. "Smartphones make it easier for managers to change their minds at the last moment: for example, to e-mail a minion at 11pm to tell him he must fly to Pittsburgh tomorrow." — The Economist, 10 Mar. 2012.

THE ODD WORD

Illywhacker

A small-time confidence trickster

PHRASE OF THE DAY

The dog days of summer

Meaning: The 'dog days' are the very hot days during July and August.

Origin: The ancient Romans noticed that the hottest days of the year, that is, in late July and early August, coincided with the appearance of Sirius - the Dog Star, in the same part of the sky as the Sun. Sirius is the largest and brightest star in the Canis Major constellation, in fact it is the brightest star in the sky.
Of course, being a Roman idea, the hot 'dog days of summer' doesn't apply in the Southern Hemisphere, where July and August is the coldest part of the year. The ancients believed that the star contributed to the heat of the day. The adjective Canicular means 'pertaining to Sirius', so Dog-days are also called Canicular days. This is first referred to in English in John de Trevisa's work Bartholomeus De proprietatibus rerum, 1398: "In the mydle of the monthe Iulius the Canicular dayes begyn."

QUOTE BOX

A life spent making mistakes is not only more honourable, but more useful than a life spent doing nothing. **—George Bernard Shaw**

RIDDLE THIS

I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?

Answer: A candle.

SUDOKU

	6			7				1
	3		4			9		
2		4	8			7		
			7				3	
		8				6		
	1				6			
		2			8	4		7
		1			5		6	
4				2			1	

Answer to previous puzzle

1	7	5	3	8	6	9	4	2
4	3	6	2	5	9	8	7	1
9	2	8	1	4	7	5	6	3
6	8	4	5	3	2	7	1	9
2	1	3	7	9	4	6	8	5
5	9	7	6	1	8	3	2	4
8	5	2	4	6	3	1	9	7
3	4	9	8	7	1	2	5	6
7	6	1	9	2	5	4	3	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

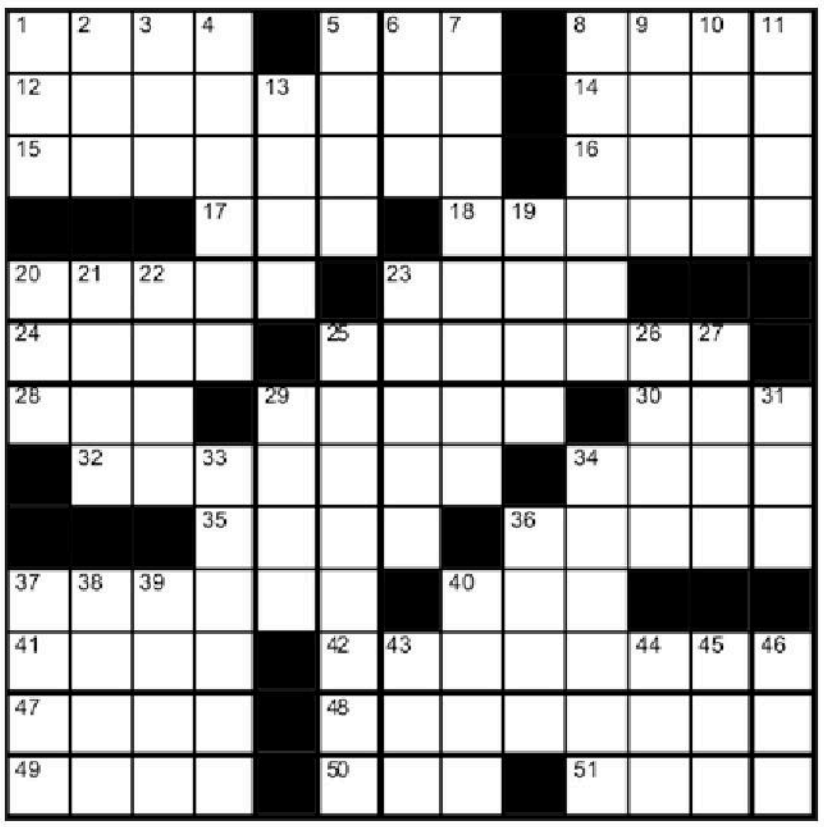
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Walk in water
5 Ind. Med. Assoc.
8 French Marquis, a famous novelist
12 Better than the expected norm or standard? (5,3)
14 Girl's name
15 __ __ with : be friendly with? (3,5)
16 Noted times
17 Father colloquially and commonly speaking
18 A branch of ornithology dealing with birds' eggs
20 Revoke as a legacy
23 Fashion with needles
24 Flounders; touches lightly
25 Local idiom
28 Multi-Mode receiver
29 Cause of infection
30 Line of control
32 Smelly weasel-like animal
34 South African currency
35 Alternate, abbr.
36 Biblical outcast
37 Eleventh letter of Greek alphabet
40 Move heavily
41 Exchange fee
42 Sightseers
47 Eastern teacher
48 "Encore"! (4,4)
49 Burn or make dry
50 Aussie tennis legend ___ Emerson
51 Prepare for press

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

A	G	A	T	H	A	■	M	A	R	I	N	A	
P	■	C	R	A	G	■	A	M	Y	■	■	R	
O	■	C	A	R	E	F	R	E	E	■	■	S	
L	O	U	■	K	N	O	T	S	■	M	O	O	
L	A	S	S	■	C	R	Y	■	Y	A	R	N	
O	U	T	L	A	Y	■	R	A	I	S	E	S	
■	■	O	A	S	■	■	■	S	E	A	■	■	
C	O	M	B	A	T	■	P	I	L	L	A	R	
U	S	E	S	■	H	E	R	■	D	A	R	E	
T	E	D	■	T	E	R	A	I	■	D	A	M	
L	■	■	C	O	M	E	I	N	T	O	■	O	
E	■	■	M	O	E	■	S	K	I	S	■	T	
T	R	A	C	K	S	■	E	S	C	A	P	E	

DOWN
1 Shake or wave to and fro
2 Abraham's pet name
3 Dept. of Transportation
4 Dodges
5 Apple's portable music player
6 To a ___ : without exception?
7 One of Jason's crew
8 Gracefully slim
9 "Air" as prefix
10 Move slowly
11 Effortless
13 Ancient kingdom - "male" anagram?
19 Paints used by an artist
20 Air Data Module
21 Take vigour or crispness out of?
22 Spanish river
23 Wicket-keeper More
25 Hitler for one; Idi Amin for another?
26 Applaud with the hands
27 ____ up : make a statement etc. more harsh or emphatic?
29 South African plains
31 abbreviation for Commander?
33 ____ pain : pangs or pains of childbirth?
34 System of government
36 Temptation or bait
37 Goes too slow, does not keep pace
38 Shivering illness
39 Renowned director ___ Nair
40 I Love ___ : Ms. Ball's TV comedy serial?
43 John Lennon's Yoko ___
44 A piece of earth
45 Three as a prefix
46 ___ apart : reserve for a particular purpose?



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

FY FU LSTSG'U YDT MOFKD U. YITGQLDTUO, FGHSGUDT DY USKSHFQFDG, LS'C QUFKK VS SIUFGA YTDRSG TICFD CFGGSTQ

TODAY'S CLUE: A EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: When everyone is somebody, then no one's anybody.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Striker	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Kaddu Mucchi	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Bell Bottom	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Natasaarvabhowma	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Seetharama Kalyana	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Chambal	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Kalbettada Darodekoraru	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
HINDI			
Total Dhamaal	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
MA Pass	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TELUGU			
NTR-Mahanayakudu	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Dhilluku Dhuddu-2	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows

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Chambal (K)	(S-1)	10.35 am; (S-2) 4.30 pm
NTR-Mahanayakudu (Te)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
Natasarvabhouma (K)	(S-1)	4.00 pm
URI - The Surgical Strike (H)	(S-1)	7.05 pm; (S-2) 1.45 pm
Gully Boy (H)	(S-1)	9.55 pm
	(S-2)	10.30 am, 6.55 pm
Mr. & Ms. Rowdy (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Yaarige Yaaruntu (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am
Kalbettada Darodekoraru (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Bell Bottom (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm, 7.10 pm
Kodathi Samaksham Balan Vakeel (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Total Dhamaal (H)	(S-4)	10.15 am, 1.15 pm, 4.10 7.05 pm, 9.55 pm

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Bell Bottom (K)	(S-3)	10.50 am, 4.00 pm
Natasarvabhouma (K)	(S-4)	3.55 pm
Gully Boy (H)	(S-1)	9.55 am, 1.05 pm 4.15 pm, 9.50 pm
URI - The Surgical Strike (H)	(S-4)	10.35 am
	(S-3)	6.45 pm
Total Dhamaal (H)	(S-2)	10.55 am, 1.40 pm, 4.25 pm, 7.10, 9.55 pm
Chambal (K)	(S-3)	1.35 pm
	(S-1)	7.25 pm
Striker (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Kalbettada Darodekoraru (K)	(S-4)	7.15 pm
NTR - Mahanayakudu (Te)	(S-3)	9.40 pm
Kodathi Samaksham Balan Vakeel (Ma)	(S-4)	9.30 pm

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URI - The Surgical Strike (H)	9.40 am, 12.40 pm, 7.00 pm
Kalbettada Darodekoraru (K)	10.00 am
Total Dhamaal (H)	10.10 am, 1 pm, 3.50 pm, 6.40 9.30 pm
Mr. & Ms. Rowdy (Ma)	10.40 am
Striker (K)	12.20 pm
Bell Bottom (K)	1.45 pm, 7.10 pm
Natasaarvabhowma (K)	3.10 pm
Gully Boy (H)	3.40 pm, 10.00 pm
Chambal (K)	4.40 pm
Kodathi Samaksham Balan Vakeel (Ma)	6.30 pm
LKG (Ta)	9.45 pm
Kumbalangi Nights (Ma)	10.00 pm

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Narthana Namana: Mohiniyattam by Rachita Ravi tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb.25- Ganabharathi, in association with Raasavrunda, has organised 'Narthana Namana' programme (in memory of late Saraswathamma) by Mohiniyattam artiste Dr. Kalamandalam Rachita Ravi of Kerala tomorrow (Feb.26) at 6.30 pm at Veene Seshanna Bhavana in Kuvempunagar.

Profile: Dr. Kalamandalam Rachita Ravi, a gifted dancer, has rich experience in the field of Mohiniyattam as a performer and choreographer. She is the disciple of Guru and Mohiniyattam exponent Prof. Kalamandalam Leelamma.

She is the recipient of Ustad Bismilla Khan Yuva Puraskar by the Central Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi and is a graded artiste of *Doordarshan.* Presently, she is the Course Co-ordinator in PG section at Kerala Kalamandalam.

Rachita Ravi was awarded Doctoral Degree for her thesis "The Scientific Foundation of Mohiniyattam - A Detailed Study Based on Balaramabharatham" from Kerala Kalamandalam.

She has been performing in several venues both in India and abroad and has been participating Research Papers in National Seminars and conducting workshops and lec-dems.

A Memorable Music Concert

A.K. Gurudutt presenting a Hindustani Music Concert at Kalpa Kshetra, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, in city recently. He is accompanied by Pandit Ramesh Dhannur on tabla and Vighnesh Bhagawat on harmonium.

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Gurudutt hails from an illustrious family of musicians and Sanskrit scholars of Mysuru. His great-grandparents were revered by the erstwhile Royal family of Mysuru. He was initiated into music at the age of four by his mother, and after further training under reputed Gurus, he moved to Kolkata in 2013 to be inducted as a disciple of Pandit Ajoy Chakrabarty. Gurudutt commenced the concert with vilambitkhyal of Ustad Bade Ghulam Ali Khan in Raag Bihag. This was followed by bandishes in Jhaptaal and Teen taal with elaborate thaans and sargam rendering.

The thumri in piloo brought out the outstanding mastery Gurudutt has on swara and laya. The Dadra in raagmaand, 'Yaadpiyakiaay', which was popularised by Ustad Bade Ghulam Ali Khan, was beautifully presented. The concert ended with the Dasarapada 'Thoredujeevisabahude.'

The accompanists Vidwan Ramesh Dhannur and Vighnesh-Bhagavat gave effective support to Gurudutt.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB.25)

District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Akhila Karnataka Gamaka Kala Parishat: Gamaka Evening (Gamaka Sanje), Dr. C.S. Anilkumar, Director, Dikshith Argogya Dhama, inaugurates, Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presides, Parishat premises, Palace North Gate, **5 pm.**

Abhiyenthararu National Theatre Festival

Abhiyenthararu - A Theatre for Engineers, Kannada & Culture Department and South Zone Cultural Centre (SZCC): Rashtriya Ranga Utsava (National Theatre Festival), staging of Girish Karnad's Kannada play 'Tughlaq' by Samudaya, Bengaluru (Directed by Samkutty Pattomkari), Kalamandira, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB.26)

Vishwakavi Kuvempu First Grade College, Sri Kuvempu Vidya Parishat and Sri Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust, Jayalakshmipuram: Valedictory of college anniversary celebrations and prize distribution ceremony of Savithramma Dejagow Memorial Inter-College Cultural Contests 2018-19, Sri Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust President Dr. J. Shashidhar presides, valedictory address by retired Davanagere University VC Dr. S. Indumati, Sri Kuvempu Vidya Parishat Chairman Dr. D.K. Rajendra and Secretaries Dr. T. Veerabasappa Gowda and Shiva Sundara Satyendra chief guests, Sri Kuvempu Ranga Mandira, Sri Kuvempu Vidyavardhaka Trust, Jayalakshmipuram, **10.30 am.**

Mysuru City Corporation (MCC): Budget Council Meeting, Council Hall, **11 am.**

Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies, University of Mysore (UoM) and Abhiruchi Prakashana, Mysuru: Book release — Ammaiah Shekar's 'Nadiya Aadi' — by critic Prof. O.L. Nagabhushanaswamy, poet Prof. Mahadeva Shankanapura speaks about the book, writer Prof. K. Sumithra Bai chief guest, KIKS Director Prof. N.M. Talwar presides, former Rangayana Director H. Janardhan sings, B.M. Sri auditorium, KIKS, **3 pm.**

Ganabharathi and Raasavrunda School of Dance: 'Narthana Namana' programme in memory of Saraswathamma, Mohiniyattam by Kerala's Dr. Kalamandalam Rachita Ravi, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**

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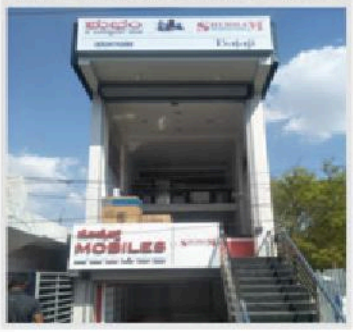

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